

IT'S AGAINST THE LAW...

TO HANDLE MARINE MAMMAL PUPS!

SEA OTTERS



Sea otter pups are often left alone for hours while their mothers are away gathering food. Pups stay with their mothers for about 6 months.



Sea otter pups that are picked up from Alaska's waters cannot be returned to the wild... ever.



Sea otter pups may not have a zoo home waiting for them, and may have to be euthanized.



Sea otter mothers may be frightened by people harassing a pup and remain at a distance until the people leave.



HARBOR SEALS



Harbor seal pups often rest on shore while their mothers are out hunting for food. They nurse for about 3 to 6 weeks.



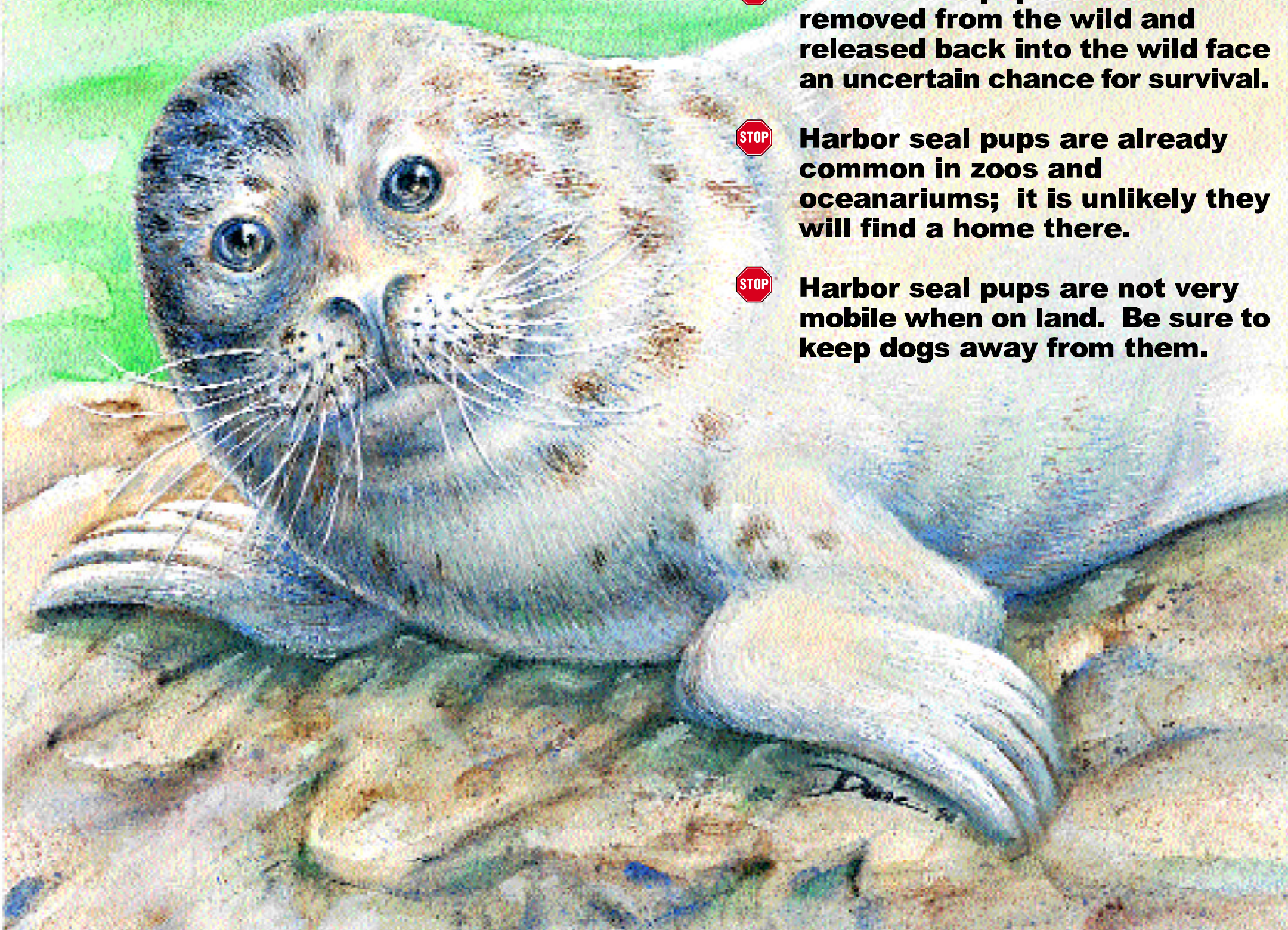
Harbor seal pups that are removed from the wild and released back into the wild face an uncertain chance for survival.



Harbor seal pups are already common in zoos and oceanariums; it is unlikely they will find a home there.



Harbor seal pups are not very mobile when on land. Be sure to keep dogs away from them.



**If you find a Sea Otter or Harbor Seal Pup,
DO NOT pick it up!**

For more information:

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